## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA OCALA DIVISION

RONALD GRAY,

Plaintiff,

v. Case No: 5:21-cv-59-GKS-PRL

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.	

## ORDER

This case is before the Court on the Commissioner's second unopposed motion to stay the case for ninety days to produce the certified transcript of the record necessary for this case. (Doc. 14). Due to the global COVID-19 crisis, the SSA has taken certain steps to maximize social distancing, including suspending in-office services to the public and moving rapidly toward a virtual work environment. The SSA's Office of Appellate Operations ("OAO") in Falls Church, Virginia has been forced to redesign its business practices to allow for a mostly virtual transcript preparation process. Despite these changes, the OAO faces a significant backlog of work that has built up during the past months.

Upon due consideration, the Commissioner's unopposed second motion to stay (Doc. 14) is **GRANTED** to the extent that the Commissioner shall file an answer and the transcript of the record for this case within **90 days** of this Order.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in Ocala, Florida on July 13, 2021.

PHILIP R. LAMMENS
United States Magistrate Judge

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